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Public Hearing on Domestic Violence Draft Guidelines Set March 21

- WHAT:** A second public hearing will be held by the Judicial Council's Domestic Violence Practice and Procedure Task Force. The purpose is to seek comments on draft guidelines and proposed practices to improve the handling of California court cases that involve allegations of domestic violence. The task force was appointed by Chief Justice Ronald M. George.
- WHO:** Speakers will include judges, family law attorneys, advocacy groups, prosecutors, public defenders and criminal defense attorneys, probation officers, batterer intervention program providers, and other experts.
- WHEN:** **Wednesday, March 21, 2007, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**
Court of Appeal Justice Laurence D. Kay, chair of the task force, will be available to speak to the press immediately before and after the hearing.
- WHERE:** Hiram W. Johnson State Building,
455 Golden Gate Avenue, Milton Marks Conference
(Lower Level) Auditorium, San Francisco
- AGENDA:** The agenda is attached.
- PROPOSALS:** To view the proposals on handling domestic violence cases, please see the California Courts Web site:
http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jc/documents/dvpptf_i2c.pdf.
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AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

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Improving the Administration of Justice in Domestic Violence Cases in the California Trial Courts

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks (10:30 a.m. –10:45 a.m.)

- Hon. Laurence D. Kay (Ret.)
Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeal,
First Appellate District, Division Four
Chair, Domestic Violence Practice and Procedure Task Force
- Hon. David Louis Ballati
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California,
County of San Francisco

II. The Importance of Court and Community Leadership in Domestic Violence Cases (10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

- Hon. Barbara J. Miller
Judge of the Superior Court of California,
County of Alameda
Member, Judicial Council of California
- Ms. Nancy O'Malley
Chief Assistant District Attorney
County of Alameda
Executive Director, Family Justice Center

III. Restraining Order Proceedings (11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

- Ms. Julie S. Saffren
Attorney at Law
Domestic Violence Limited Scope Representation Project
San Jose

- Ms. Beverly Upton
Executive Director
San Francisco Domestic Violence Consortium
San Francisco
- Ms. Marivic Bay Mabanag
Executive Director
California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
Sacramento
- Ms. Susan Shawn Roberts
Staff Attorney
Bay Area Legal Aid
Richmond
- Ms. Pamela Kallsen
Executive Director, Marjaree Mason Center
Fresno

IV. Lunch Break (12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

V. Enforcement of Orders for Relinquishment of Firearms (12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.)

- Ms. Elaine Tipton
Deputy District Attorney
County of San Mateo
- Ms. Lauren Zorfas
Family Law Facilitator
Superior Court of California,
County of San Mateo
- Ms. Kate Killeen
Deputy Executive Director
California District Attorneys Association
Sacramento
- Mr. Donald Kilmer, Jr.
Attorney at Law
San Jose

VI. Improving Practice in Criminal Domestic Violence Cases (1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

- Judge Philip H. Pennypacker
Supervising Judge
Criminal Domestic Violence
Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara

- Mr. Arturo Faro
Division Director, Specialized Services Division
San Francisco Adult Probation Department
- Ms. Niki Solis
Managing Attorney, Domestic Violence and Misdemeanor Unit
San Francisco Public Defender's Office
- Mr. Frank Del Fiugo
A Turning Point
Santa Clara
Co-chair of Batterer's Intervention Committee, Santa Clara County
- Mr. James Rowland
Managing Attorney, Domestic Violence Unit
San Francisco District Attorney's Office
- Hon. Mary Carolyn Morgan
Judge of the Superior Court of California,
County of San Francisco

VII. Public Testimony (3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

VIII. Concluding Remarks – Justice Laurence D. Kay (3:30 p.m.)